1	2	3
15.	Punjab	176732
16.	Rajasthan	95172
17.	Tamilnadu	598505
18.	Uttar Pradesh East	201242
19.	Uttar Pradesh West	123806
20.	West Bengal	157561
21.	Kolkata Telecom District	313
22.	Chennai Telecom District	16591
23.	Delhi	81871
24.	Mumbai	23843
	TOTAL:	3680579

Installation of telephone connections in Janakpuri Exchange

1831. SHRI SURYA BHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons residing in DDA Flats, Pockets-3, Bindapur, Dwarka, New Delhi who have applied for installations of telephone connections in the Janakpuri Telephone Exchange during the last six months;

(b) the number of applicants who have been provided with telephone connections, so far;

(c) by when, the remaining applicants are likely to be provided telephone connections;

(d) whether Government also propose to provide WLL phone to the remaining applications; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) 23 persons from this locality applied for telephone connections during the last six months.

(b) 21 telephone have been provided, Remaining 2 connections are pending due to non-availability of underground cable pairs.

(c) By 31.12.2001.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Telephone facilities in villages

†1832. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country not connected with telephone facility at present;

(b) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has asked all the telephone service companies to deposit five per cent of their net revenue in the social service companies to provide telephone facilities in the remaining and remote villages;

(c) if so, whether T.R.A.I. has fixed any time-limit for the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, The number of villages not connected with telephone facility at present is 1,93,063.

(b) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended 5 % of the Adjusted Gross Revenue to be charged as Universal Service Levy from all Telecom carriers or operators, excluding pure value added service providers such as Internet Service Providers, Voice Mail Service Providers, etc. which should be credited to a Universal Service Fund. This levy should come out of the license fee itself and should not be an additional levy. Provision of Village Public Telephones and Direct Exchange Lines in rural and remote areas shall be undertaken by all Basic Service Operators who will be reimbursed from this fund.

(c) and (d) The TRAI has recommended the date of implementation of Universal Service Support Scheme to be 1.4.2002,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.